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Dear Mr. Krishnan:

This letter is the National Nuclear Security Administration's final response to your December 13, 2017 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

1. All non-disclosure agreements and other agreements, including templates or standard forms of such agreements, imposing prepublication-review obligations on agency and/or former agency employees;
2. All documents relating to administrative appeals filed from prepublications- review determinations, including but not limited to:
 - a. administrative appeals;
 - b. any correspondence or back-and-forth between an agency and an individual who filed an administrative appeal; and
 - c. final decisions with respect to administrative appeals;
3. All documents relating to any form of sanction imposed, or considered for imposition, on agency and/or former agency employees for failure to comply with their prepublication-review obligations

Your request was initially sent to Department of Energy's Headquarters Office (DOE/HQ). DOE/HQ transferred the request to this office and it was received on February 5, 2018.

We contacted the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of Human Resources (NNSA HR) about your request. NNSA HR searched and did not locate records responsive to your request.

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We also contacted the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of General Counsel (NA-GC-10) about your request. NA-GC-10 searched and did not locate records responsive to your request.

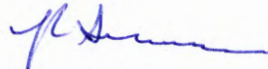
This decision, as well as the adequacy of the search, may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. The appeal must contain all of the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either: 1) in the district where you reside; 2) where you have your principal place of business; 3) where DOE's records are situated; or 4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact DOE/NNSA's FOIA Public Liaison, Jane Summerson, Acting Director, Office of General Counsel, at 866-747-5994, or by mail at Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

There are no charges to you for processing your FOIA request.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Kari Martinez by e-mail at kari.martinez@nnsa.doe.gov or write to the address at the top of the first page. Please reference Control Number FOIA 18-00102-KM.

Sincerely,



Jane Summerson
Authorizing and Denying Official